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For: SYNTHESIS OF
N-[N-(3,3-DIMETHYLBUTYL)-L-
ALPHA-ASPARTYL]-L-
PHENYLALANINE 1-
METHYL ESTER USING
OXAZOLIDINONE DERIVATIVES

September 17, 2001

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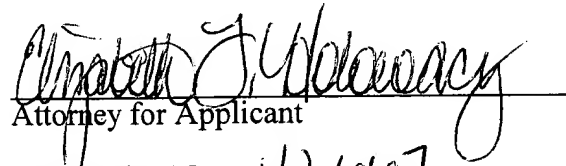
In response to the NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION - FILING DATE GRANTED mailed July 23, 2001, enclosed please find an executed Declaration/Power of Attorney form, together with the surcharge fee of \$130.00. Also enclosed is a copy of the NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION - FILING DATE GRANTED.

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Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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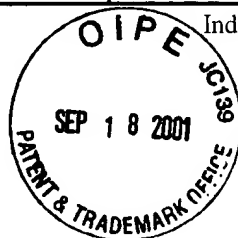


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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.
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